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CRICKET.

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three giant run-getters in Hayward, Hobbs, and Haynes, and a fine and steady batter is M. C. Bird. It puzzles the most expert of cricket analysts to detect the germ of failure. It is certainly high time that the glory returned to the famous Oval.

A. O. Jones will once more lead Nottingham, and he is expected to prove a field captain. It is, of course, a professional side that he will command, but later on the Somerset boys, A. W. Carr, is sure to be given another trial, a remark that is applicable to P. Pearson-Gregory. There are other young players under consideration, while it is quite likely that A. U. Crawford will be found to be an extremely useful county cricketer. All the old brigade are again available.

Warwickshire fell from first to ninth in 1912. They may reasonably expect something of a boom to follow this unforeseen slump. They have a good bowling side, but last summer men who can actually bowl well for them did not do so. Luckily, F. R. Foster has escaped another trying winter, and with him in his best form again all should be well. But he cannot do it all, and if Field can only reproduce the skill he showed in 1911, Warwickshire should be formidable, despite the fact that they are not exactly a great batting side.

LONDONERS TO SUSSEX.

Sussex will much miss the batting of the Jan of Nottingham and the bowling of H. L. Stammers. There is only one "Ranji," and in Sussex the county had just the kind of bowler they needed. It looks as if too much will depend in 1913 on the brothers Relf and the veteran Joe Vine. As has already been announced, G. L. Jessop has resigned his captaincy of Gloucestershire, though it will often, it is hoped, take the field under the new leader, C. O. H. Sewell who is not merely an excellent cricketer himself, but also a first-rate judge of the game.

Jessop, of course, is a feature not only of Gloucestershire, but of England cricket, and the public will hope that not far many years to come will be thinking of retiring. The new captain has already been hard at work doing his best to earth fresh talent, and all cricketers wish him the best of luck in the difficult task he has undertaken.

Other new county captains are R. J. Bagnall (Derbyshire) and E. S. J. Poyntz (Somerset); while H. K. Foster returns to his old place at the Worcester shire helm. In all three cases the leaders have rather unenviable tasks before them. From Derbyshire comes no new of encouraging discovery of capable men and the side struggle to front year after year with little to cheer them.

Discouraging, too, are the positions of the list held by Leicestershire and Somerset, more especially by the former. It was only a very few seasons ago that half a summer Leicestershire stood at the head of the list. There is, however, good reason to expect a revival in the case, and great administrative trouble has been taken. County matches will be played at Loughborough, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Hinckley, and Coalville as well as at Leicester, and some at least of the younger men who were tried in 1912 should be useful this summer. It is not possible to speak very hopefully of Somerset's prospects. No doubt if Bagnall were to have a great season his success would encourage the others, but one man cannot do much in these days, and the once brilliant team began this season under the shadow of defeat.

ESSEX AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

When, however, one speaks of Essex and Northamptonshire the temptation to be dismal is severe indeed. These two counties have no right to be fifteenth and sixteenth on the list. The state of affairs in Essex is especially dispiriting, for we had hoped last season for great things at Leyton. J. W. H. T. Douglas came back with his well-won Australian laurels fresh upon him, and hopes were high. Yet out of eighteen matches he won only one, ended in a victory for Essex. The huge majority of the one side were scarcely known; yet only a

single match was lost. The huge majority of the other were mere or less classic cricketers; yet only a single match was won. Northants finished with only one county above them, Essex with only one below them.

Deeply has this failure been felt by men who have done very much to aid Essex county cricket. Mr. C. E. Green, to whom the county were almost everything, has at last wearied of struggling in the goal, and his parting gift was a most munificent one. There were other resignations, too, and if every season is there to be a fresh start, I feel sure that those who wish the side well will agree that, if there is to be a real recovery, "More life" must be the motto. The eleven is full of first-rate cricketers, and, as the quotation policy has not brought success, it is at least worth while trying the experiment of putting more "go" into the effort. One fact is only too patent. If there is not a substantial recovery on the field of play in 1913, there is only a very poor chance of there being any cricket at Leyton in 1914.

A certain lack of first-class bowling is scarcely enough to account for the fact that Worcestershire stand sixteenth on the list. True, they are chiefly a run-getting side on fast wickets, and last summer was abnormally wet. That, however, is a partial excuse for what happened. One need not dwell upon it now. With H. K. Foster back in his old place, we may hope for better things. However, he is only one of the famous and of brothers. It was indeed the true word spoken in just when the humerist talked of "Fosterling."

Altogether the county season begins, despite much financial anxiety, in rather hopeful conditions. There is no triangular contest or "foreign invasion," and the eyes of the public are concentrated upon county cricketers. It is for them a most interesting enough not to let those eyes wander from them.

THE UNIVERSITIES.

Cricket is already in full swing at Oxford and at Cambridge, and the performances of Seniors and Freshmen at both Universities have been duly recorded in detail in "The Daily Telegraph." The prospect of two strong elevens meeting at Lord's on Monday, July 7, are distinctly good. It is some few years now since low-water mark was reached, and the upward tendency of cricket in the two great amateur strongholds is now beyond all question. It is quite clear that this season several men who are on form well worth Blues cannot get them.

Both captains have a great deal of batting at their disposal, and, if in the next fortnight or so we get a spell of fine weather, the amount of individual disappointment that must necessarily be caused will be considerable. In other words, those who have the good fortune to get an early trial for either eleven will have a huge advantage over their competitors. For if they do at all creditably, they cannot well be dropped. It comes, then, to this. Neither captain need trouble about batting pure and simply for Jack's as good as his master in mere run-getting. Both captains will, of course, concentrate on choosing the very best bowling, and preference among the batsmen is certain to be given to those who are the finer fielders.

Londoners should note that they will only get one chance this year of seeing the University elevens perform prior to the big match. The games at the Oval are discontinued, but on Monday, June 30, Cambridge will be at Lord's, and on the last three days of that week, Oxford. Their opponents are, of course, the M.C.C.

SMOKING IN THEATRES.

Managers of leading London West-end theatres met recently under the presidency of Sir Herbert Tree, and among other things discussed was the question of smoking in theatres. The meeting was held in private, but it is understood that, although no decision was reached, the majority of the managers present were in favour of the innovation.

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## HONGKONG APPOINTMENT.

His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has made the following provisional appointments with effect from 10th April, 1913:—Mr. John Daniel Lloyd to be Second Assistant Registrar General; Mr. Michael James Brown to be Assistant Postmaster General.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Aston, of Kuala Selangor, is lying dangerously ill in Singapore.

Mr. C. W. Robinson, manager of the Crag Hotel, Penang Hill, has left for home on a short holiday.

Mr. John Roberts, the billiard champion, and Mrs. Roberts left Penang for home by the *Burpee* on the 21st inst.

Mr. James Henry Scott, of Erida, Argylshire, and of 5, Princes-gate, London, S.W., merchant, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. John Swire and Sons, of London, and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, of China and Japan, left, in addition to real estate, personal estate valued at £108,905.

A large number of relations and friends will leave with many regrets the death of Master Charles Horatio Lay, son of the late Mr. A. Lay, of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, and Mrs. Lay, of Hong, Brighton. The deceased, who was but 13 years of age, was a pupil at Lancing College. He passed away very suddenly at his mother's house, the cause of death being stated lymphaticus. There was no illness at all, death being very sudden and entirely unexpected. The interment took place on 5th inst. at the Hove Cemetery.

## SPORTING.

## Water Polo.

The B.O.C. and R.G.A. played at the V.H.C. baths yesterday evening, the soldiers winning a good game by one goal (scored by Court) to nil.

## Billiards.

The Royal Engineers (A) and D.C.L.I. (A) continued their match in the second round of the Volunteer Challenge Cup at the Soldiers' Club last night, before an unaccountably large number of spectators.

Sergeant-Major Morgan, R.E. (A), and Bandmaster Roberts, D.C.L.I. (A), were the first pair. For a long time the scores were very close, at 90 Morgan was leading by one point, but at 100 Roberts was three in front. Both players favoured a steady game, Morgan especially playing very judiciously, and leaving his opponent as little as possible. At 150 Morgan, held an advantage of 13 points, and scoring more rapidly towards the end, won by 32 points. Breaks: Morgan, 21, 11; Roberts, 17, 15, 13, 11. Scores: Sergeant-Major Morgan, 200; Bandmaster Roberts, 198.

The second game between Q.M.Sgt. Collinge, R.E. (A), and Sgt. Smith, D.C.L.I. (A), was an excellent one. Smith did most of the leading, but Collinge usually came along with a break that demolished it. Smith reached 50 with a lead of 10 points, and by the aid of several useful breaks compiled 150 while Collinge made 118. Breaks of 17 and 20 helped Collinge considerably, but Smith looked the winner until just at the end when winning only three for game, his opponent rattled up a break of 20 unfinished, running to his points, the winner of an exciting game by three. Breaks: Collinge, 21, 20, 17, 11, 10; Smith, 19, 18, 12, 12, 12, 12. Scores: Q.M.Sgt. Collinge, 200; Sgt. Smith, 197.

The last game saw Corp. Walden, R.E. (A), and Corp. Scott, D.C.L.I. (A) in opposition. This resulted in an easy win for Walden who played a good, sound game. Scott led at the 50 mark by 5, but by the time 100 was reached, Walden was leading by 11. After the 150 mark was passed, Walden then leading by 23, it was all in favour of the Engineer, who scored his last 50 while Scott made 10. Walden then won easily by 63 points. Breaks: Walden, 18, 10, 12, 11, 10; Scott, 11, 11, 10. Scores: Corp. Walden, 200; Corp. Scott, 163.

The Royal Engineers (A) have now the almost impassable lead of 190 points; the scores being—Royal Engineers (A), 1,187; D.C.L.I. (A), 1,001. The two remaining games will be played on Monday night.

## MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court, today before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Capt. Innes, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, charged the master of the steam-launch *Meco Leo* with lying alongside the Murray Pier in such a manner as to cause obstruction to other vessels. A fine of \$10 was imposed.P.C. Dyke charged the master of the steam launch *Leo Fat* with using his steam whistle for other than navigation purposes. Defendant was fined \$10.

## MESSRS. A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

## Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting.

The twenty-eighth annual general meeting of shareholders in Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, Ltd., was held this morning at the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. Henry Humphreys, of Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Co., general managers of the company, presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. H. P. White, consulting committee; F. Maitland, J. Spittles, E. Seth, Lau Chu Pak, J. Hooper, D. B. Clark, Lau Tu-Chung, C. E. Warren, J. M. Wong, A. C. Davidson, and J. A. Tarrant, secretary.

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said: "You will notice on referring to the accounts before you that local and general liabilities in the East have decreased by \$207,233.7d. The advance against marine lot 203 and Kowloon Island lot 1208 and the buildings thereon viz. \$84,027.11 now shown separately was formerly included in this amount. After allowing for this transfer, the liabilities referred to still show a decrease of \$152,226.35, which must be regarded as satisfactory. Escalated lease and mortgage by the A. S. Watson Co. Incorporated (the latter reduced by payments on account) figure amongst the assets for the last time. The Escalated fire of 18th March last was the means of causing both these accounts to be liquidated this year. The total of the amounts recovered from the insurance companies and the A. S. Watson Co. Incorporated is sufficient to cover book values. The loss on subsidiary coins during the year amounted to \$10,101.30 of which \$9,042.94 was incurred in Hongkong. When the new currency regulations came into force, it is anticipated that most if not all of the annual loss incurred in Hongkong will be saved to the Company. Taken on the whole, we have had a fairly prosperous year. We have been helped to some extent by the high rate of exchange ruling, and we have been free from any European branch losses, added to which the business done in Hongkong and Shanghai has materially increased. A good deal of adverse criticism was directed against the report and accounts for the year ending the 31st December 1911, and in view thereof and of the improved state of affairs during the company's financial year which has just closed, it is interesting to note that the Philippines Drug Co. Incorporated, which was formed to purchase the pharmacy portion of our Manila business is now in liquidation, and that the liquidator at a recent meeting of shareholders expressed the hope that he would be able eventually to return about 75 cents in the dollar to shareholders. Since issuing the report and statement of accounts, we have received a printed circular from the Consul-General at Hankow in reference to 'claims for losses arising out of the revolution.' The first paragraph of this circular reads as follows:—'The Chinese Government having admitted the principle of liability for losses arising out of the revolution, the British claims will shortly be submitted for joint examination by a committee consisting of representatives of the Chinese Government and of the British Legation.' It seems likely from the above that we shall receive some compensation for losses incurred by the revolution. In our last annual report, we stated that there had been transferred to the 'doubt of permanent reserve fund the sum of \$7,049.23, the amount of losses occasioned by the looting of Chingkong branch and the burning down of Hankow native branch during the Chinese revolution. A claim for this amount had been lodged against the Chinese Government through the British Minister at Peking, and in the event of the claim being met the amount recovered would be credited to permanent reserve fund. I have no more remarks to make, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask, I shall be pleased to answer them.

No questions were asked, and the motion, seconded by Mr. Hooper, was unanimously carried. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Seth, the appointment of Dr. J. W. Noble to the consulting committee was approved. The auditors, Messrs. Hutton Potts, F. Maitland and C. E. Brown were re-elected on this motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

## DALLAS COMEDY COMPANY.

## A Triple Bill.

The programme presented by the Dallas Comedy Company at the Victoria Theatre last night was of a varied nature, comprising no fewer than three one-act plays and the reproduction by cinematograph of several excellent films. In 'A Touch of Truth,' a certain number of more than average merit was pronounced, and in it Mr. Dallas, as a popular actor, and Mr. Robert Ashby, as a journalist, had parts that suited them exceedingly well. In his performance of removing the scepticism of his friend as to what really attributes to an actor's popularity, Mr. Dallas evinced considerable talent. Mr. Ashby's amusing little play entitled 'Lydia and the Parson' also provided much enjoyment, and gave Mrs. Haines, Mr. Ashby and Mr. Dallas another opportunity of displaying their versatility. The third playlet was a terrific burlesque entitled 'A Bicker to Amek Er,' and in it Messrs. Ashby and Guinness, wonderfully made-up as typical East-end 'Ladies,' were very amusing.

The noise from the streets, complained of previously, was greatly subdued by a closing of the windows upstairs. The result was that the performance was in every respect thoroughly enjoyable. To-night, the Company will again present their Triple Bill.

## TO-DAY'S GYMKHANA.

## Good Crowd But Going Heavy.

The second Gymkhana of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club this season was held this afternoon at the Happy Valley race course, there being a large attendance, which included H.E. Sir Henry May. The number of spectators would undoubtedly have been larger but for the untoward weather experienced during the past week. This sky looked anything but promising at the beginning of the afternoon, but in spite of this a fairly large gathering of ladies turned out in their summer attire and lent a touch of colour to the stands. The ground was somewhat sticky, and this was responsible for the going not being so good as it would have been had the week been fine. During the afternoon selections were played by the band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry under Bandmaster W. T. Roberts. The first race, a three-quarter mile flat event, went to Mr. Norman's stable, Edgell showing the way to Mr. Bruton's *Flirt*, with the Burglar, Mr. Michael's pony, third.

## COMING GERMAN CELEBRATIONS.

The local German Consul informs us that on June 15 next twenty-five years will have elapsed since the German Emperor Wilhelm II. succeeded to the throne of his ancestors. Not only in Germany but throughout the world where Germans are living this event will be celebrated in a most worthy way. In Hongkong a committee has been formed under the German Consul and the following arrangements have been made: Sunday, 15th, 11 a.m., divine service in the German Church (1, High Street). Monday, 16th, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 'At Home' in the Club German, where the Germans will receive their friends. Special invitations to this 'At Home' will be sent to the Civil, Military and Naval Authorities and the Consular Body: 8 p.m. Banquet in the Club German.

## VOLUNTEER PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

## SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Considering the total strength of the corps the attendance at the annual prize distribution in connection with the Hongkong Volunteers was somewhat small, but those present spent a most enjoyable evening. H.E. Sir Henry May, who as Colonel of the Corps takes the keenest interest in its welfare, presided, and most of the officers of the various units were present. His Excellency, who was attended by Capt. Connelley and Capt. Taylor, addressed the corps, during the evening distributed to the winners a large number of beautiful silver challenge trophies and several cups offered for competition outright.

The concert programme was a most enjoyable one, the artists being so well received that nearly every item was encored these contributing were, Capt. Northcote, Mr. England, Mr. R. E. White, Mr. W. B. Causley, Lt. R. M. Croose, R.G.A., Capt. C. V. S. Shrimshire, R.G.A., Mr. P. West, Pte. H. I. Jones, and Mr. Burnett. The prize list was as follows: Efficiency cup, 1912-13, 10 Pdr. Section:—Captain Scott, Commander. Blake shield 1912-13 Howitzer Section:—Capt. Northcote, Commander. Eight small shields were presented to the members of the winning team, they being: Lt. Renne, Sgt. Boyer, Cpl. Bradbury, Cpl. Mansel, Mr. Farrell, Mr. Green, Mr. Martin and Mr. Stamford. Two shields were also presented to Sgt. Major Mackie and Hain. Corps championship and shield:—Gunner Green. Legend cup. Rifle competition at unknown range, Sgt. Tolson. Howitzer Section, Capt. Northcote's cup, 1913:—Gunner Martin. No. 10 cup:—Cpl. Bradbury. 10 pr. Section 10 pr. aggregate prize presented by Sgt. Scott. Gunner McDonald. Second pr. cup, presented by Mr. A. Ridger. Gr. Car. Third prize, presented by Lt. Wolfe:—Sgt. Sorby. Fourth prize, presented by the Company's N.C.O.s, Sgt. Major's Dodge. Left Section Machine-gun Company, Captain Armstrong's cup—Private H. S. Rouse. Lieut. Rea's cup—Private H. Week. Centre section, Machine-gun Company Capt. Woods cup, rifle hand-cup: Opl. Duncan. Sgt. Major Wichehill's cup, Pte. Butler. Civil Service Co. Reserve's cup, presented by Capt. Chubbuck. Pte. B. D. Evans. Captain Skrimshire, proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency, Honorary Colonel of the Corps, spoke of the great interest he took in it and the great debt he had done for it. The duty of the members did not end in putting on the uniform and performing their drills; they should also become accomplished recruiting sergeants, and so raise its strength. His Excellency, in thanking the members for the hearty way in which they had accepted the vote of thanks proposed by Captain Skrimshire, said he had lately been doing a little recruiting himself. He was invited to the Corps, and he had been in the Gulf Club the other day, and since he had roped in about six (applause). If all the members would get one roped up along before they begin their next training season, the Corps would be much larger and stronger. "It is a jolly good Corps," added His Excellency, "and there have just sent home the annual report to the Secretary of State and it has been a great satisfaction to me to be able to give such a good account of last year's work. The only fault is that it is not strong enough. He found on taking a census that there were in the colony 450 men who had no training at all, and together with 235 who had served with the Services or the Volunteers but who did not now belong to the Corps, they had a body of about 685 men. There were only about 400 in 116 Corps. "We have just got to get the other 285 in 116 Corps, and I hope they will bring along some little lads, (laughter and applause).



# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE CANADIAN NAVY BILL.

REJECTED BY THE SENATE.  
LONDON, May 31.  
A telegram from Ottawa states that the Senate has rejected the Navy Bill by 51 votes to 27.

## THE TURCO-BALKANS WAR.

PEACE SIGNED.

LONDON, May 30.  
Dr. Danoff, the Bulgarian delegate in London, and M. Theodoroff, the delegate in Paris, have been ordered to return to Sofia as soon as possible.

## PRIZE FOR SIR EDWARD GREY.

During the debate in the House of Commons on the Foreign Estimates many complimentary references were made to the efforts of Sir Edward Grey. Mr. Bonar Law said his conduct of the negotiations entitled him to be regarded as the representative of the nation, not merely of a party.

Sir Edward Grey thanked the Leader of the Opposition for his graceful compliment, and said he would not dwell on the subject, because, while tension and anxiety were diminished and the prospects of peace improved, there were many difficulties, of which the end was not yet in sight.

Sir Edward Grey sent a formal invitation on Thursday evening to all the delegates to meet at St. James' Palace at half-past twelve to-day to sign the Peace Treaty. It is hoped that the Foreign Secretary will himself attend and address the delegates.

## GREEKS AND BULGARIANS.

LATER.  
Colonel Doumanis, Chief of the Greek General Staff, has been instructed to confer with the Bulgarian General Ivanoff regarding the lines of demarcation of the respective forces.

## KIAMIL PASHA.

A Constantinople message states that Kiamil Pasha, ex-Grand Vizier, has arrived from Egypt. The police informed him that his presence was undesirable, and that he must leave. He was eventually permitted to proceed to his residence at Stamboul, where he was eventually imprisoned. He will leave tomorrow for Smyrna. The action of the authorities has been strongly criticised as an impolitic sign of weakness.

## PEACE TERMS SIGNED.

The peace terms have been signed at St. James' Palace.

Sir Edward Grey addressed the delegates, and expressed the King's satisfaction and congratulations. He trusted that this step would be regarded by them all with satisfaction and relief, and this feeling would be shared by the other Powers who remained neutral, but desired to see peace restored in the interests of the tranquillity of Europe. They were all aware that questions still remained to be discussed before a complete settlement could be arrived at, but he trusted that the conclusion of peace would facilitate these matters. "It will certainly increase the good will of the other Powers towards you," said the speaker, "and as one who in frequent friendly communication with you had whose sympathy has been quickened by a knowledge of your difficulties, I earnestly hope that peace will result in complete tranquillity, and enable each side to repair resources, develop its territory, and secure the welfare and happiness of its people."

## SERBIA AND BULGARIA.

LITTLE HOPE OF AGREEMENT.

A Sofia telegram states that the semi-official journal "Mir" has a statement to the effect that M. Pavic leaves little hope of a friendly Serbo-Bulgarian agreement. The projected interview between the Serbian and Bulgarian Premiers will probably not be held.

Dr. Danoff, the Bulgarian delegate at London, and M. Theodoroff, the delegate at Paris, have been ordered to return to Sofia as soon as possible.

## FEARED ATTACK ON SALONIKA.

Large forces of Bulgarians from Adrianople and Ohrida are concentrating at Nigrita and Zechana, it is believed, with a view to attacking Salonika.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## 100,000 SERBIAN TROOPS.

NEAR SALONIKA.  
A telegram from Salonika states that the Serbian Crown Prince reviewed 100,000 Serbian troops, who had been newly concentrated at Vele.

## DECISION OF GREEKS AND SERBIANS.

The meeting of Greek and Serbian delegates has decided to sign a peace declaration.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

## THE ALTRINCHAM RESULT.

LONDON, May 30.  
Colonel Seely, speaking at Barnstaple, said the Government did not believe that Altrincham was a sign that it was going too fast. He believed that a wealthy country could afford to go much further on the path of social progress. He emphatically proclaimed his adherence to the voluntary principle in military affairs.

## PICTURESQUE EXPRESSIONS.

LATER.  
"Elation" is a mild term to describe the feelings of the Unionists as the result of the Altrincham election, which they variously describe as a "Message of encouragement to Ulster," "A branch in the northern citadel of Free Trade," a "Revolt against the Insurance Act" and as an "Expression of the general discontent against the policy of a tottering Administration."

## EXPLANATIONS FOR AND AGAINST.

No one expected such a majority, as the Labourites had been working for the Liberals and there had been an increase of three thousand to the electorate since 1900.

It is pointed out by the Liberals that these additional were an unknown quantity. They declare that Mr. Hamilton declined to fight the question of Tariff Reform, and that therefore Free Trade was not the issue, while the electorate probably affected the militant Protestantism of the County, and moreover, as with the Labourers at Newmarket, so with the clerics at Altrincham, who had been stampeded by a war of revenge by the employers against the Insurance Act.

## THE CHINA LOAN AND THE TIBETAN QUESTION.

STATEMENT BY SIR EDWARD GREY.

LONDON, May 30.  
Dealing with the question of the Chinese Loan, in a speech on the Foreign Estimates laid before the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey said one of the strongest criticisms against the Group was that Russia and Japan were included. He declared it did not matter to China who composed the Group. What mattered to China was the terms the Loan Contract contained. There were no political conditions specially interesting Russia and Japan. The real object in broadening the Group was that in the interests of China, the different nations represented at Peking should agree to co-operate and should not exploit against each other China's difficult situation. He had been urged to recognise the Chinese Republic independently of the other Powers, and also not to recognise it till an agreement had been reached regarding Tibet, but it would be unsatisfactory while other Powers were not recognising the Republic were not to act with them. We intended to recognise China as soon as all the Powers agreed on the general recognition of Treaty rights. That would not prevent our negotiating with China on the subject of Tibet. Chinese policy in Tibet immediately after the Revolution was very unwise. A forward policy by China in Tibet led sooner or later to disturbances on the Indian frontier. We wanted to secure something which, while recognising the old position of China, would leave Tibet the autonomy she had before the Revolution. That result would be secured if China left Tibet autonomous. She could rest assured that there would be no forward policy on our side.

# BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## KING GEORGE TO VISIT RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 31.  
The Times learns from St. Petersburg that King George, while in Berlin, accepted an invitation to visit the Tsar, possibly at the end of June. It is believed that he will go to Kronstadt on the royal yacht, and if His Majesty lands, it will be the first visit of a British Sovereign to Russia.

## RUMOUR DENIED.

LATER.  
Reuter states that there is not the slightest foundation to be discovered in the report that King George is going to Russia. President Poincaré's visit in June will make the journey to Russia impossible. Nothing is known at Buckingham Palace of any plan for a Russian visit.

## DERBY BETTING.

LONDON, May 31.  
Betting on the Derby, which takes place on Wednesday at Epsom (11 miles), is as follows:—5 to 2 Craganour; 5 to 1 Shogun; 7 to 1 Nimbus; 9 to 1 Louvois; 20 to 1 on Day Comet, Great Sport, and Prue; 25 to 1 on Bachelor's Wedding and Radiant; 100 to 3 San Yax and Harry of Hereford; 5 to 1 Rockfist.

## AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

WIN FOR HILTON.

LONDON, May 31.  
In the final of the St. Andrew's Amateur Golf Championship, Harold Hilton beat Robert Harris by 5-3.

## GERMAN CRUISER FOUNDERS.

LONDON, May 31.  
A telegram from Berlin states that the cruiser "Blucher" grounded last night in a thick fog at Great Belt. The efforts of German warships to pull the cruiser off were unsuccessful. The position is not dangerous, as the "Blucher" is on soft sand.

## SCOTTISH HOME RULE BILL.

SECOND READING PASSED.

LONDON, May 31.  
The House of Commons has passed, by 204 votes to 109, the second reading of the Scottish Liberals' Home Rule Bill.

## DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT'S HEALTH.

LONDON, May 30.  
The Duke of Connaught, speaking at a meeting of the Royal Patriotic Fund, referred to the kind references to the Duchess, and said that there was great cause for thankfulness that Her Royal Highness was now recovering after being twice at death's door.

## GERMAN MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, May 30.  
A compromise has been arranged in the new proposals by which incomes of M.5,000 and property to the value of M.30,000 are exempt from the levy, and also property to the value of M.50,000 if the income therefrom does not exceed M.2,000.

## TURTLE SERUM.

Dr. Friedmann has sold the American rights of his vaccine for £285,000, of which all but £25,000 is stock in the 30 Friedmann Institute, which are to be organized throughout the States Union with the total capitalisation of a million sterling. Messrs. Eisner and Mendelsohn, the distributing company, will not wait for the report from the United States Public Health authority, but will get the turtle cultures on the market without delay.

Judging from the presence at the hotel where the doctor is staying of physicians from all parts of the States, eager to obtain rights in their respective States, the country will soon be able to apply the widest possible test of the "remedy for plague" whose ravages are so terrible on this side of the Atlantic.

## A GOOD RULE FOR THE HOME.

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# COMMERCIAL.

SHANGHAI REPORT.

Messrs. Vernon and Smith, in their weekly share report, dated May 30th, state:—Continued activity has prevailed in the local market for investment securities during the past week, and a fairly extensive business has been transacted at, in some instances, further improved rates. The London market closes firmer for "Oils," and "Rubbers," and quiet for "Tins." Five Hard Para Rubber is quoted in London at 3/0 per lb. and plantation at 3/2 per lb. Discount rates are unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent. (Bank of England) and 3 1/2 per cent. (open market). Consols have receded to 75. Bar Silver closes quiet at 27 1/2 d. ready and 28 1/2 d. forward. Sterling T. T. is quoted to-day at 1/11 1/2, Shanghai T. T. at 7 1/2 and Singapore T. T. at 8 1/2.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai after sales at \$810 have receded to a selling quotation at this figure, with small reported sales at \$807, and buyers at \$803. London is unchanged at \$81/10.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have been booked at \$700 and \$725 closing firm with buyers at the former rate. Canons are a selling market at \$300 with buyers in evidence at \$295. Yangtze and North China are unchanged, and without local business.

Five Insurances.—Hongkong are firmer, and after sales at \$300 can be placed to some further extent at this figure. Chinas have sold at \$147 and at \$144 are in further demand.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been booked at \$27 and \$27 1/2 and more shares are wanted at the latter rate. Indo Chinas have improved, to a buying rate of \$894 with no sales reported. China and Manilla are quiet at \$8, and Douglases after receding to \$30, are now in request at this figure. Star Ferries continue in request at \$50 with no shares available at present.

Oils.—Shell Transporta have been in active demand, and a good business has been done at 115/4 and 115/8 market closing with local buyers at 115/6, and London with buyers at 115/7, and sellers at 117/6. Mexican Engines can be placed in London at 38/9, and Cral Caspans at the reduced rate of 46/6, London being a seller of the latter at 48/9.

Refineries.—China Sugars are firm with small buyers at \$100. Lucas, after various sales close with buyers at \$30. Moring.—Rauhe close quiet with small buyers at \$3.80. A telegram received to-day from our Singapore Agents gives the crushing for last month at \$36 ex and the selling rate in Straits Currency at \$3.25. French have declined to 75/1, and Chinese Engineering to 33/1 (middle). Pahang Consolidated is a wanted in London at 10/6, and Malayan Tin Dredgers at 62/6.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have improved further, and after sales at \$72 to \$74 close with buyers at \$76. Hongkong and Whampoa Wharves have also hardened, closing with sales and buyers at \$82. New Army Docks are unchanged with probable buyers at \$8, and Shanghai Docks a selling market in the North at \$12. Hongkong Wharves have sellers in Shanghai at \$11/0.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands keep firm with sales and probable buyers at \$110. Kowloon Lands continue in request at \$33 and West Point at the further improved rate of \$72. Hongkong Hotels (old) have been done at \$12, closing with buyers, and the new wharves can now be placed at \$84. Hampshire Estates after sales at \$87 and \$8.35 close with buyers at \$8.40.

Cotton Mills.—Eaton's have declined to a selling quotation of 15 1/2, and Hongkong, after receding to \$81, have recovered to a buying quotation of \$9.

Miscellaneous.—Cements after various unimportant fluctuations, and a further extensive business transacted, close firm with buyers at \$3.00. China Providents are in request at \$3, and Ropes, after sales, at \$2.1, and Peak Trams at \$1.6. There are sellers of China Borneos at \$11, Dairy Farms at \$23, China Lights at \$4, Steam Fisheries at \$4, and Pulp at 20. Hongkong Electric Trams are wanted for London account at 7/11 ex dividend, the selling rate being now 7/6 ex div.

London Quotations.—The following quotations (middle prices) were received by wire from our London agents this morning:—Tromoh Mines ... 75/9, Uthmaniyah Consolidated ... 47/6, Ural Caspian ... 47/6, Malayan Tin Dredgers ... 62/6, United Serange ... 10/9, Mexican Engines ... 38/9, Rubber Trunks ... 8/3, Easter Trunks ... 11/9, Shell Transporta ... 18/0, Indo-Chinas (combined) ... 33/1, Chinese Engineering ... 33/1, H.K. Electric Trams ... 7/3, Venture Trunk, Ltd. ... 75d.

## THE HAPPY VALLEY WASTE.

MR. DOWLEY'S PERTINENT QUESTIONS.  
Mr. F. D. C. Dowley has given notice to ask the following questions at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Wednesday next:—Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether it is necessary to continue to permit the dumping of rubbish on the unsightly piece of waste Crown Land surrounding the public convenience near "Le Calvaire" in the Happy Valley?

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